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RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, XENOPHOBIA
AND RELATED INTOLERANCE

Durban, 31 August-7 September 2001
Item 7 of the provisional agenda

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Annotations to the provisional agenda

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Item 1. Opening of the Conference

1. The World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance will be held at the International Conference Centre in Durban, South Africa, from 31 August to 7 September 2001. The Conference will be opened by the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

Item 2. Election of the President

2. The Conference will elect a President from among the representatives of participating States. It is customary for a representative of the host country to be elected in this capacity.

Item 3. Opening addresses

3. Opening addresses will be made by the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the President of South Africa, the President of the Conference, the President of the General Assembly and the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and Secretary-General of the Conference.

Item 4. Adoption of the rules of procedure

4. The Conference will have before it the provisional rules of procedure (A/CONF.189/2), adopted by the Preparatory Committee at its first session in its decision PC.1/4 of 4 May 2000. These rules of procedure will be adopted, to the extent possible, at the first meeting of the Conference, in accordance with rule 17 of the provisional rules of procedure.

Item 5. Election of the other officers of the Conference

5. The Conference will elect from among the representatives other officers of the Conference, in accordance with rule 6 of the provisional rules of procedure.

Item 6. Credentials of representatives to the Conference

(a) Appointment of the Credentials Committee

6. A credentials committee of nine members will be appointed at the beginning of the Conference. Its composition will be based on that of the Credentials Committee of the General Assembly of the United Nations at its fifty-fifth session, in accordance with rule 4 of the provisional rules of procedure.

(b) Report of the Credentials Committee

7. After examining the credentials of representatives, the Credentials Committee will report to the Conference without delay, in accordance with rule 4 of the provisional rules of procedure.

Item 7. Adoption of the agenda

8. The Conference will adopt its agenda, the draft of which will, until such adoption, be the provisional agenda of the Conference, in accordance with rule 17 (c) of the provisional rules of procedure. The Conference will have before it a provisional agenda (A/CONF.189/1) that has been forwarded to it by the Preparatory Committee in accordance with its decision PC.3/2 of 10 August 2001.

Item 8. Organization of work

9. The attention of the Conference is drawn to the provisional programme of work (A/CONF.189/3), an information note by the secretariat concerning the list of speakers (A/CONF.189/6) and an information note by the secretariat concerning the participation of non-governmental organizations in the Conference (A/CONF.189/8).

10. In view of the limited time available to the Conference, the Conference may wish to adopt decisions concerning the organization of its work, including the frequency and duration of statements, and the opening and closure of the list of speakers, taking into account respectively rules 22 and 24 of the provisional rules of procedure.

Item 9. Conference themes

Sources, causes, forms and contemporary manifestations of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance;

Victims of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance;

Measures of prevention, education and protection aimed at the eradication of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance at the national, regional and international levels;

Provision of effective remedies, recourse, redress, [compensatory]* and other measures at the national, regional and international levels;

Strategies to achieve full and effective equality, including international cooperation and enhancement of United Nations and other international mechanisms in combating racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, and follow-up.

11. The Conference will have before it the draft declaration (A/CONF.189/4) and the draft programme of action (A/CONF.189/5) that were considered by the Preparatory Committee. These documents reflect the situation as at 10 August 2001, when the Preparatory Committee completed its third and final session.

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* The square brackets indicate that consensus has not been reached on the word "compensatory".

12. The Conference will also have before it a contribution by Mr. Miloon Kothari (India), Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on adequate housing as a component of an adequate standard of living (A/CONF.189/9).

13. The secretariat has received contributions from non-governmental organizations that have been accredited to the Conference. They will be issued in addenda to document A/CONF.189/10 concerning contributions from these organizations.

Item 10. Adoption of the final document and the report of the Conference

14. At the conclusion of the Conference, the Conference will adopt a final document and a report, in accordance with rule 18 of the provisional rules of procedure.